long-tern course upto two years duration.

Reduction in prices of personal computers

1797. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been of late a substantial reduction in the prices of personal computers; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the personal computer market is rapidly expanding; if so, what are the actual sales of these computers for 1988-89, 1989-90 and expected sales during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir. Many companies have reduced the price of personal computers by about 15 per cent to 30 per cent depending upon the configuration.

(b) Yes, Sir. The actual/expected sales of the personal computers are given below:

Year	Numbers
1988-89	64,000
1989-90 (estimated)	80,000

There are no firm projections for the period 1990-93.

आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में ग्रामीण विकास योजनाओं को प्राथमिकता

1798. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री सोहन लाल धूसिया :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना की प्राथमिकताओं में ग्रामीण विकास योजनाओं तथा आदिवासी और हरिजनों के विकास की योजनाओं को पहले की ही तरह पग प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी ; और

(ख) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में अन्य किन योजनाओं को प्राथमिकता दी जा रही है ?

प्रधान मंत्री (श्री विश्वनाथ प्रताप सिंह) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में उन सभी स्कीमों को प्राथमिकता मिलने की आशा है जिनसे (1) रोजगार सृजन हो (2) ग्रामीण अर्थव्यवस्था तथा आधार संरचना के विकास हो तथा (3) विशेषकर कमजोर वर्गों जैसे अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जन जाति के लोगों को स्वास्थ्य तथा साक्षरता जैसी बुनियादी, सुविधाएं सुनिश्चित हों । विशिष्ट व्यौरे योजना दस्तावेज में समाविष्ट किए जाएंगे ।

अलीगढ़ मुस्लिम विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम और काशी हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम का संशोधन

1799. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री सोहन लाल धूसिया :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अलीगढ़ मुस्लिम विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम और काशी हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम में संशोधन करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो किन-किन मुद्दों पर संशोधन विचाराधीन है ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री साथ में मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (प्रो० एम०जी०के०

मेनन) : : (क) और (ख) अलीगढ़ मुस्लिम विश्वविद्यालय, अधिनियम, 1920 में संशोधन करने का कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है । बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम, 1915 और इसकी संविधियों मे संशोधन करने के लिए विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग के मुख्य सुझावों में विजिटर द्वारा कुलाधिपति की नियुक्ति, पुनर्नियुक्ति की पात्रता के साथ 5 वर्ष की अवधि के लिए कुलपति की नियुक्ति, समकुलपतियों के 3 पदों का सृजन; आयोजना बोर्ड का गठन ; कोर्ट और शैक्षिक परिषद की सदस्यता में कमी ; पर्याप्त शैक्षिक, प्रशासनिक और वित्तीय शक्तियों आदि के साथ विभागों का अनेक स्वायत्त संस्थानों मे पुन: वर्गीकरण करना शामिल है ।

Holding of two sets of examinations for class X and XII

1800. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBSE is holding two sets of examinations for class X and XII this year, one for Kendriya Vidyalayas and the other for convents, public schools and other private institutions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that private educational institutions have been allowed to continue with the old course while the Kendriya Vidyalayas to opt for new curricula for which Part II books were supplied to students in November, 1989 only;

(c) what is the number of chapters and pages of the text books of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics pertaining to old course vis-a-vis new course; and

(d) what are the reasons for this discrimination this year and what measures have been taken by the CBSE to see that the class XII Science students of Kendriya Vidyalayas are brought at par with their counterparts in private institutions and do not suffer in securing marks?

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(b) and (d) The new syllabi for Mathematics and Sciences prepared by National Council for Educational Research and Training in accordance with the new National Curriculum Framework is being implemented in the Kendriya Vidyalayas one year in advance of the other schools. Consequently new textbooks have also been introduced in Kendriya Vidyalayas a year in advance. The textbooks have been prepared in two parts. Part I of the textbooks were provided to the Kendriya Vidyalayas at the time of the start of the new session. Part II of the textbooks, which were expected to be used from 10th November, 1989 onwards, were released for distribution during the last week of October, 1989. Special arrangements were made by Kendriya Vidyalayas for extra coaching in Sciences and Mathematics. The Central Board of Secondary Education brought out Sample Question Papers and circulated them to all Kendriya Vidyalayas to give them an idea of the standards expected in the subjects in which new syllabi have been introduced.

(c) A Statement is attached.